

# ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR UPDATE



## 5 Minute Global Settlement

As part of an Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) driven change, all industry participants are required to implement the applicable rule changes for the 5-Minute Settlement and Global Settlement (5MGS) initiatives. In order to be compliant by the Australian Energy Market Operator's (AEMO) set go live date of **1 October 2021**, Ergon Energy Network is required to make several changes to the Unmetered Supply (UMS) process.

Two key changes that will affect our Electrical Contractor partners are:

1. All Unmetered Supply and Watchman Light connections must be published to the market from 1 October 2021. This means a Connect Application, EWR and B2B will be required for new and existing UMS like a metered site. This change will be undertaken during a transitional period from mid-2021. Prior to this transition period there may be additional activities that will need to be completed in partnership with your Retailer. We will provide more information about these activities in early to mid-2021.
2. All Unmetered Supply must be created using the new AEMO methodology of one NMI per device type per connection point.

Unmetered supplies are an option that may be approved for connections like bus shelters and traffic signals where the locations make it impractical to read the meters or where they could be damaged. For more information on the requirements for unmetered supplies, refer to the section 2.6 of the [Queensland Electricity Connection Manual](#).

As we update our systems and processes to implement these rules changes, you will see some new changes in our Electrical Partners Portal (EP Portal) from **Monday 16 November 2020** on Unmetered Supply and Watchman Lights.

The changes available from next Monday, will include:

### **Connect Application form changes for UMS and Watchman Lights:**

- You will see additional changes and fields if you have selected New Unmetered Supply, Change Existing Connection Capacity (UMS) or Installation of a Watchman's Device.
- The Unmetered Supply Details / Device Details section of these forms have been re-formatted.

### **EWR – Unmetered Supply:**

- Select your preferred option for Appointment under Premises Details.
- Use the Provision of Un-Metered Supply service selection if you have completed a Connect Application of New Unmetered Supply or Relocation Point of Attachment (UMS).

**For more information on these changes, please view our fact sheets:**

[Connect Application – New UMS](#)

[Connect Application – Existing UMS](#)

[Connect Application – Watchman Lights](#)

[EWR – Unmetered Supply](#)

Please note: There is no change to the Streetlight process. Continue to select Public Lighting then Provision of New / Additional Public Lighting as per normal process.

For more information on the 5-Minute Settlement and Global Settlement initiatives, visit the [AEMO website](#).

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